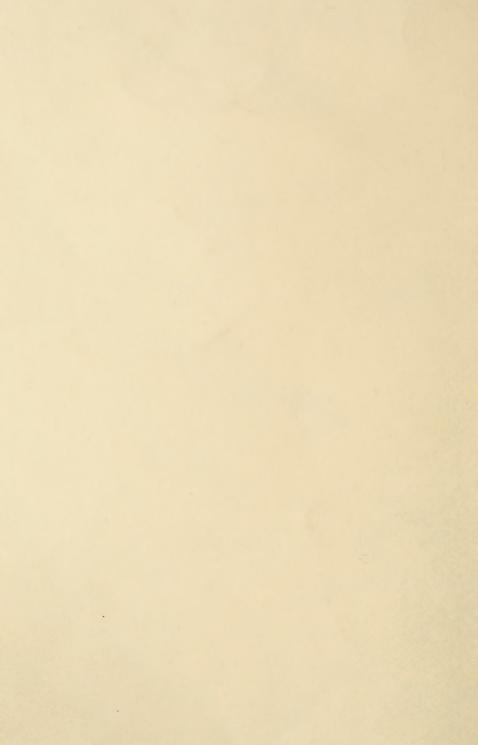
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# LONGSTRETH'S 1906 Seed Annual BARGAIN CATALOG

Standard Garden Seeds, Flower Seeds,

Rose Bushes, Clematis Plants, &c.

#### THE NEW ROSE---BABY RAMBLER.



### The Everblooming Dwarf Crimson Rambler.

The plants are very vigorous, grow to a height of about 24 inches. The foliage is dark, glossy, profuse and remarkably free from insects and fungus.

The flowers are borne in clusters, 30, 40 and 50 flowers to a cluster. They are in every way just like those of the Climbing Crimson Rambler, and are produced perpetually.

The best red pot or bedding rose in the world. It blooms every day of the year in the house. Out of doors from May until November. It is perfectly hardy, and remarkably vigorous, and has created a wonderful sensation. Price, 20c. each; two for 35c.

W. B. LONGSTRETH, - GRATIOT, OHIO.

GRATIOT, OHIO, January 1st, 1906.

#### KIND FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

Again I have the pleasure of presenting to you my Catalog of Standard Seeds for the Spring of 1906, and I wish, first of all, to thank you for the kind words and patronage of last year, and trust, as it has been my aim to please, that I may have your confidence and orders in the future. My catalog is not so elaborate or showy as some you may receive; but if you will compare the prices, you will undoubtedly find the balance in favor of my modest effort. If you have not already tried my seeds, please send me a trial order, even if it is only for a single packet, and be convinced that I can, and do, sell as good seed and as large packets as the expensive catalogne firms do, for from 30 to 50 per cent. less money.

#### PLEASE READ, THEN ORDER.

TERMS STRICTLY CASH. Remittances may be made at my risk by the following methods: Postoffice Money Order on Gratiot, O.; Bank Draft; Express Order or Registered Letter. Postage stamps, if ones or twos, and in good condition, accepted for fractional

parts of a dollar.

GUARANTEE—While I always exercise the greatest care to have all seeds pure and reliable in every respect, and that they will grow with the proper treatment, and be as represented, in so far that if they prove otherwise I will refill the order or refund the money. The customer, however, must bear in mind that there are so many contingencies over which I have no control, that I under no circumstances whatever guarantee a crop. The safe arrival of all seeds sent by mail guaranteed.

I WOULD BE PLEASED if customers, on the arrival of their orders, would report condition of same; also your success with

seed—good or bad.

If you receive an extra copy of my Catalog, please present it to a friend or neighbou who is interested in planting good seed.

When sending your order, if you will send the names and addresses of a few of your friends who buy seed, I will send some choice vegetable or flower seeds for your trouble. Order early, and be sure and WRITE YOUR NAME, POSTOFFICE, COUNTY AND STATE VERY DISTINCTLY.

Awaiting the commands of my esteemed friends and patrons,

both old and new, I remain, Yours Most Truly,

Independent Phone 99. W. B. LONGSTRETH, Gratiot, O. Local and Long Distance.

SEEDS POSTPAID BY MAIL.—The prices quoted on all seeds include postage, and safe delivery guaranteed. If ordered by express or freight, at your risk and expense, deduct 10c, per lb, and 15c, per quart.

DISCOUNTS.—For 25c. select 30c.; for 50c. select 65c.; for 75c. select 95c.; for \$1.00 select \$1.50 of seeds in packets only at catalog prices.

## Standard Garden Seeds.

#### BEANS-Dwarf or Bush.

Plant after danger of frost is past in drills 18 inches apart and 4 inches apart in the drill, in most any good garden soil, except a cold, wet one. Do not hoe or cultivate when wet with dew or rain.

- 1. EARLY RED VALENTINE.—The earliest kidney-shaped bean in the world. The most profitable variety for market. For a green podded snap bean there is no variety its equal. The vines are erect, bearing an abundance of pods of medium size, and when young they are entirely stringless. Sure to give satisfaction. Pkt. 5c; ½ pint, 10c; pint, 18c; quart, 35c.
- 2. YEILOW KIDNEY, or Six Weeks—Vines large and very productive. Pods green, and always thick and meaty. Pkt. 5c; ½ pt. 10c; pt. 18c; qt. 35c.
- 3. DAVIS KIDNEY WAX.—The pods are long, straight, of clear waxy white color, and quite stringless. The beans are pure white, kidney-shaped, exceedingly crisp and tender, and will produce one-third more beans to the same amount of ground than any other wax bean. Pkt. 5c; ½ pint, 10c; pint, 18c.
- 4. BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA—Requires no poles or supports of any kind, and is extremely hardy and immensely productive. The thickness, of the main stalk and branches of the plant is of universal size and strength, by which it is enabled to hold well up from the ground its immense weight of pods and beans. The quality is simply superb, being exceedingly rich and buttery when cooked, and extra fine flavored. Pkt. 10c; ½ pt. 15c; pt. 25c.

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#### BEANS-Pole or Running,

Plant in hills 3 to 4 feet apart and 2 inches deep, and about six beans to a hill; when well established thin to four plants to the hill.

- 5. KING OF THE GARDEN LIMA.

  —The pods are of enormous size, many specimen measuring from 5 to 8 inches, and producing up to 7 beans to the pod, all perfectly formed and of superior quality. Pkt. 10c; ½ pt. 15c; pt. 25c.
- 6. OLD HOMESTEAD.—Very early and enormously productive, the long green pods hanging in clusters from top to bottom of pole entirely stringless. Pkt. 6c; pint, 10c; pint, 18c.

#### THE BEST BEETS.

Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked, in light, well manured soil, in drills 12 inches apart and 1 inch deep. Thin to four inches apart. For winter use soy in June.

7. COLUMBIA BLOOD TURNIP. smooth skin, deep blood red flesh, rich and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz.10c.

standard early variety: blood red; turnip-shaped; with small top and tap root. smooth, very tender, and good for early use, and if planted later it will make an excellent beet for winter use. Packet 5c; oz. 7c; ½ lb. 15c.

#### HORSE AND CATTLE DOCTOR.

Many a valuable horse or cow has been lost because the owner had no knowledge of the many diseases to which these valuable animals are subject. Such would not have occurred if the owner had had this little book, which is worth its weight in gold to any man or woman who owns a horse or cow. It is bound in attractive paper covers. Only 10c. by mail.

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#### CABBAGE.



For the very early crop sow in the hotbed in March. For the main crop sow in open ground the latter part of May, and when two or three inches high transplant into rows 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart each way, allowing more room for the large growing sorts.

- 9. EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.— Undoubtedly among the best, if not the best, early cabbage in the world. It is always of good size, very early and solid, and has but few outside leaves. A reliable header and sure to give satisfaction. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.
- 10. EARLY WINNINGSTADT.—An old German variety, heads large, conical shaped, very tender and of good quality. Packet 5c.
- 11. LATE FLAT DUTCH.—An excellent winter variety, groducing large, flat, round heads, very solid. The quality is very fine and the flavor excellent. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.
- 12. CFLARGE LATE AMERICAN DRUMHEAD—One of the largest, most solid and best keeping late varieties; seldom fails to head, and is of good quality. Packet 5c.

#### CELERY.

Sow early in April. Transplant about the first of June, in rows three feet apart, and the plants six inches in the row. Trim the plants two or three times when small to promote silky growth. As fall approaches draw earth up to the plants, keeping the stalks well together.

13. WHITE PLUME.—Stalk, inner leaves and heart are white, so that tying up or simply drawing up the soil completes the work of blanching. Equal to the very

best sorts—early, handsome, easily grown, profitable for early market. Pkt. 5c.



14. GIANT PASCAL—Best for winter use. The stalks are remarkably large, thick, solid, and entirely stringless; it is the largest grown. Very crisp and brittle, snapping like glass. It never becomes watery. Pkt. 5c.

#### SWEET CORN.

Plant when the ground becomes thoroughly warm, in hills three feet apart each way. For a succession continue to plant about every 2 weeks until the last of July.

15. EXTRA EARLY CORY.—This variety is of great value for its extreme earliness. It is ten days earlier than any other sort. The ears are of good size and of first-rate quality. Pkt. 5c; ½ pt. 8e; pt./15c.

16. STOWELL'S EVERGREEN—Medun late, hardy and productive, very tender and sugary, remaining a long time fit for table use. Pkt. 5c; ½ pt. 8c; pt. 15c.

#### CUCUMBERS.

For very early cucumbers the seed can be planted in a piece of inverted sod in the hot bed or in the house, and transplanted, sod and all, into open ground when danger of frost is past. For the main crop plant in open ground, after danger of frost, in hills four feet apart each way, and cover the seed with about one inch of soil.





One of the most popular varieties both for marketing and table use. Vines vigorous, fruiting early and abundantly: straight and handsome; light green, with a few white spines; flesh crisp and of a delicious flavor. It is one of the best for slicing. Plet. 5c; oz. 15c; ½ lb. 40c.

18. EARLY GREEN CLUSTER.—A short, prickly, seedy variety, bearing in clusters near the root; color pale green. It is a great bearer, and matures early.

Pkt, 5c; oz. 15c; 1/4 lb. 40c.

19. IMPROVED LONG GREEN.—A distint variety; when full grown sometimes measuring nearly eighteen inches in length; form long and slender, with but few seeds; flesh remarkably firm and crispy, a standard variety for pickling, very productive. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; ¼ lb. 40c. 20. WHITE SNOW—Undoubtedly the

randsomest White Cucumber in the world. The vines are quite vigorous in growth, bearing an immense yield of beautiful cucumbers, which are of large size, and always of a pure waxen white color, and extremely attractive. The flesh is solid, pure white, exceedingly crisp and tender. Pkt. 5e; oz. 15c; ¼ lb. 40c.

#### LETTUCE.

Lettuce delights in a rich, mild soil. Sow as early as the ground can be worked, in drills about one foot apart, and every two weeks for a succession. When well up thin to six or eight inches apart, so the plants can form heads.

21. CALIFORNIA CREAM BUTTER.—It forms round, solid heads; outside the heads are of a medium green; within the leaves are of a very rich, creamy-yellow color. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c; 1/4 lb. 40c.

22. LONGSTRETH'S PRIZE HEAD—This is one of the finest head lettuce in cultivation. Heads large, solid, tender, blanching perfectly; oily and buttery in texture, and delicious in flavor. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c; ½ lb. 40c.

23. IMPROVED HANSON—A popular lettuce of hard heading stock Heads green outside and white within; is sweet, crisp and tender, even to the outer leaves.

Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c.

24. GRAND RAPIDS.—Of superior quality and beautiful appearance; it is a strong grower, very free from rot, and keeps crisp and tender without wilting, when exposed for sale, longer than any other forcing lettuce. Pkt. 5c; oz. 12c; ½ lb. 40c.

#### MUSK MELON.

Select a light, sandy, rich soil, and after all danger of frost is past, plant in hills 4 to 6 feet apart each way, 6 to 12 seeds to the hill. When danger of insects is over thin to about three plants to a hill.

. 25. ROCKY FORD—The melons are just the right size for table use, slightly oval in shape. The flesh is thick, of a light green color, and of a fine, juicy, luscious flavor. It is very early and wonderfully productive. Packet 5c; oz. 10c; 1/2 lb. 35c.

#### WATER MELON.

Plant and cultivate the same as Musk Melons, except the hills should be about eight feet apart each way.

26. DARK ICING.—A very desirable variety. Dark skin, crimson flesh, thin rind, quite solid and of delicious flavor. A fine market sort. Packet 5c; oz. 10c; 1/41b 20c.

#### ONIONS.

The onion requires a clean and very rich soil. Use well rotted manure freely, thoroughly mixing it with the soil. Sow as early as possible, in drills one foot apart and ½ inch deep. Thin out early, and keep the soil mellow and free from weeds. One ounce will sow 150 feet in drills. For sets sow very thick.

27. OHIO GLOBE DANVERS.—The finest shaped, best and largest cropper of any Yellow Onion in the world. The bulbs are large, globe-shaped, with very small necks, of a rich orange yellow color, enormous yielder and a splendid keeper. Pkt. 5c; oz. 14; 1-4 lb. 45c.

28. LARGE RED WETHERSFIELD.

—The most popular red onion grown.

Fine form, skin purplish red, flesh white; immensely productive; excellent keeper.

Pkt. 5c; oz. 14c; 1-4 lb. 45c.

#### ONION SETS.

29. To have green onions much earlier than they can be grown from the seed, it is necessary to put out a bed of onion sets, and to every person who is fond of green onions who are unable to get the sets nearer home I will send them by mail at the following prices: ½ pint 8c; pint 15c; quart 25c. If ordered by express, with other goods, at your expense, qt. 15c.

#### PARSNIP.

Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked, in rich soil, in drills fifteen inches apart; thin to five to seven inches in the row.

30. HOLLOW CROWN.—The best variety for general use; roots white, smooth and sugary; of excellent flavor. Pkt. 3c: two pkts. 5c; oz. 8c.

#### PEAS.

Peas require a light and rather rich soil. For the first crop plant as early as possible, and at intervals of about every two weeks for succession. Sow in double rows (about one foot apart), two inches deep. All peas will yield much better if some support, such as brush, wire, etc. is used. 31. EARLY ALASKA OF EARLIEST OF ALL .- The earliest real good pea in the world. Away ahead of many so-called early peas, and ten per cent. more productive, and is generally fit for use in 35 to 40 days from planting. Vines about 2½ feet high, loaded with large, dark green pods, well filled with smooth, dark green peas, of most superior flavor, sweet and luscious. It is so uniform in ripening that nearly the whole crop can be picked at the

32. AMERICAN WONDER.—One of the earliest and best dwarf wrinkled peas known. Vine vigorous and branching, growing about ten inches high, well filled with pods containing six to eight large, sweet peas. Requires good rich soil. Pkt. 5c. ½ pt. 10c; pt. 19c.

first picking. 19c: qt. 35c. Pkt. 5c; 1/2 pt. 10c; pt.

733. CHAMPION OF ENGLAND.— The most popular late variety grown, fine flavored and an abundant cropper; 4 feet. Pkt. 5c; ½ pt. 10c; pt. 19e.

#### PEPPER.

Sow in hot bed in March, or in open ground when the weather has become warm. Transplant when three inches high in rows two feet apart and fifteen inches apart in the row. Set the plants in rich, warm, mellow soil,

34. LARGE BELL OR BULL NOSE. A large, early variety, of pleasant flavor. Packet 5c.

35. GOLDEN DAWN.—Color bright golden yellow; very productive and m.ld. Packet 5c.

36. LONG RED CAYENNE.—Fruit three to four inches long, conical in form, of a bright red color and very productive. Packet 5c.

#### RADISH.

Radishes must grow quickly to be crisp and tender. Select a warm, sandy, rich, mellow soil. Use plenty of well rotted manure. A liberal dressing of coarse salt will make the roots more brittle and keep them free from worms.

37. EARLY BIRD.—Unquestionably the best and earliest radish extant. Color brilliant red, small leaved, flesh white, tender and crisp. Packet 5c; oz. 10c; ½ lb. 20c.

38. CINCINNATI MARKET.—Small top, root perfectly straight and smooth, and grows six to seven inches long. Their attractive, glossy, scarlet colored skin is very thin, and the flesh crisp, tender and brittle. Without doubt it is the fluest long radish grown. Fkt. 5c; oz. 8c; ¼ lb. 20c.



French Breaktast.

· 39. FRENCH BREAKFAST.—An old standard variety, of quick growth, crisp and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz. 7c; ½ lb. 18c.

#### SALSIFY or VEGETABLE OYSTER

A delicious vegetable, either stewed, broiled or fried. The soup has the flavor of the oyster, for which it is an excellent substitute. No family should fail to plant it. Can be used from October to the following spring, but is much benefited by at least one or two hard freezes.

40. MAMMOTH SANDWICH ISLAND—A new and improved variety, producing roots nearly twice as large as the older sorts; pure white, tender and delicious. Packet 5c.

#### LONGSTRETH'S SELECT TOMATOES

Sow in hot bed or in a box in the house rather early, and when the plants are about two inches high transplant in other boxes or small pots (if too early to set in open ground). When danger of frost is past, transplant carefully, setting the plants from three to four feet apart each way. Cultivate frequently when the plants are small.

41. ATLANTIC PRIZE, OR EARLY RUBY.—One of the earliest of all. Not only ripens its first fruit, but a large proportion of the crop earlier than any other sort; quite valuable to all with whom earliness is the main object desired. Fruits borne in clusters; color bright red. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c.



Buckeye State.

42. BUCKEYE STATE.—The fruits grow in clusters of from four to ten. Color glossy, dark crimson, with a slight tinge of purple. Shape very thick from blossom end to stem end. Season medium to late.

Fruit large and of good quality. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c.

- 43. LIVINGSTON'S FAVORITE—One of the largest, perfectly smooth tomatoes in cultivation. Ripens early and evenly; dark red in color; vines very vigorous and immensely productive. Pkt. 5c; oz. 16c.
- 44. PONDEROSA—The largest tomato grown. Twelve specimens have been exhibited that weighed 16½ pounds, and one monster tipping the scale at nearly four pounds. The vines are strong and vigorous, its massive fruits are very free from ridges. The skin is very firm, making it a fine variety for shipping purposes. It has remarkably solid flesh and is almost seedless; of a dark rich crimson color; its flavor is delicious, whether used raw or cooked. Pkt. 10c.

#### TURNIP.

For early use sow as early as the ground can be worked, in drills 1 foot apart, 1 inch deep, and thin to 6 inches apart in the row. For the main crop sow broadcast in the latter part of July or August; just before a shower, if possible. The soil should be rich and mellow, and kept free from weeds.

45. PURPLE TOP WHITE GLOBE—One of the best varieties grown for general use. Very productive, large size, globe shape bulbs with red or purple top, flesh pure white, crisp and tender. Pkt. 5c; oz. 7c; ½ lb. 15c.

### FLORAL DEPARTMENT.

## THE FAMOUS SOUPERT ROSE SET

This is a collection that will give you a rose bed full of flowers all summer, every one especially adapted to summer blooming and can be wintered over with protection of straw and leaves. Price, 14c. each; 2 for 25c; \$1.00 per dozen, any variety or assorted.

46. CLOTHILDE SOUPERT.—One of the most prolific blooming roses; blooms nearly all the time, producing cluster after cluster of large, handsomely made flowers until the bush, as it grows larger, is literally loaded down with flowers. The color is white, with center of flower a lovely, warm, pink shade.

- 47. YELLOW SOUPERT.—A lovely addition to the Soupert family, and has its free-flowering habit. The color is a white tint on beautiful light yellow ground.
- 48. PINK SOUPERT.—This desirable rose is of sturdy, compact, bushy habit, and a wonderful bloomer. Flowers are various shades of pink, sometimes almost red, then again a bright Hermosa pink, and again the same bush will produce light pink flowers suffused with lilac. Quite hardy.
- 49. \*\*SPECIAL OFFER—The three charming Soupert Roses for 30 cents. Nothing finer in the rose line. The best of all bedding roses. Every one distinct in color.

## "IN REMEMBRANCE COLLECTION."

#### FOR CEMETERY PLANTING.

The three following sorts are especially recommended for cemetery planting. They are hardy, free flowering and need but little pruning.

50. COQUETTE DE ALPS.—Pure white, tinged with pink in the center; truly a continuous bloomer, as it is scarcely ever without flowers from early summer until cut off by frost in the fall. Flowers are good size, well formed and sweetly scented. 15c. each.

A finely formed, pure white rose; occasionally shows light flesh when first opening; beautiful shell-shaped petals, evenly arranged. Flowers of good size, perfect, and of fine form and finish. One of the finest, freest, and most beautiful of the white Hybrids. 15c. each.

52. MME. PLANTIER.—This grand variety, when once plauted, is as permanent as a Hydrangea. It is as hardy as an oak, and for outdoor planting it is the best white Hybrid Perpetual. We recommend it for cemetery planting, because of its permanency. Flowers are pure white, very large and double; it is a profuse and continuous bloomer. Good white hardy roses are scarce—this is one of the very best. Should never be pruned. 15c. each.

53. This beautiful Hardy Cemetery Collection for 30 cents.

#### RAMBLER ROSES.

This class of roses is being planted everywhere. They are strong and vigorous, perfectly hardy, and can be trained to climb anywhere. 14c. each, postpaid; two for 25c.; \$1.00 per dozen, any variety or assorted.

54. CRIMSON RAMBLER—The plant is of a very vigorous growth, making shoots from 8 to 10 feet during the season, rendering it a charming pillar rose, and for covering buildings, rellises, etc., it cannot be excelled. One of the striking characteristics of this rose is its remarkable color, which is of the brightest crimson. The flowers are produced in great pyramidal panicles or trusses, each carry-

ing 30 to 40 blooms. Blooms in June and continues a long time.

55. YELLOW RAMBLER (Aglaia).—A very early Yellow Climbing Rose. Unprotected plants have stood, without injury, a temperature of 10 degrees below zero. The beautiful clear yellow flowers are borne in immense trusses, sometimes over 100 in a cluster, medium size, and last three or four weeks.

56. PHILADELPHIA RAMBLER—It blooms in grand clusters. Flowers 2 to 2½ inches across, perfectly double to the center; color pure, deep, rich crimson. Does not fade or wash out, but holds its bright, dazzling color to the last. Does not mildew, and is an early and abundant bloomer. Unequalled for covering porches, trellises, screens, iences, etc. Perfectly hardy; needs no protection.

57. HELENE RAMBLER—New hardy Rambler Rose. Makes a growth of 10 to 15 feet in a season. The flowers are borne in large clusters, and are produced in amazing profusion. The flower is larger than Crimson Rambler, almost double, and of excellent substance, remaining in perfection on the bush for weeks. Color soft violet rose, almost blush: base of petals yellowish white, while the anthers and pistils are pure yellow, rising boldly from the flower. The buds are carmine, finely mossed, and are borne 20 to 50 in a cluster.

58. WHITE RAMBLER (Thalia).— Almost identical with Crimson Rambler, but that the flowers are pure white and sweetly scented.

59. SPECIAL OFFER—The collection of Rambler Roses, as described above, postpaid for only 50c.

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## THE DOOR YARD EVER - BLOOMING COLLECTION.

14c. each; two for 25c.; the entire collection of Seventeen hardiest and Best Varieties for \$1.50, postpaid.

Four Crimson, Four Pink,
Two Rose-Colored,
Four Yellow, Three White.

In ordering give simply the name of the collection.

You will never find any investment which will bring such returns in pleasure and satisfaction as this. A bed of these roses will furnish a continual supply of

beautiful blooms from early spring until late fall. There is none of these varieties that is not hardy as far north as New York City. Some few kinds should be given a little winter covering if planted farther north than that.

- 61. AGGRIPINA, deep crimson.
- 62. BURBANK, cherry crimson.
- 63. CLOTHILDE SOUPERT, blush white.
- 64. CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, deep pink.
  - 65. CAROLINE MARNJESSE, white.
- 66. DUCHESS OF ALBANY, rose pink.
  - 67. ETOILE DE LYON, yellow.
  - 68. HERMOSA, clear rose.
  - 69. LA FRANCE, silvery rose.
  - 70. MRS. DE GRAW, glossy pink.
  - 71. MADAME HOSTE, canary vellow.
  - 72. MARION DINGEE, deep crimson.
- 73. MOSELLA (Yel'w Soupert) creamy yellow.
  - 74. PINK SOUPERT, deep pink.
  - 75. PRINCESS BONNIE, deep crimson
  - 76. SAFRANO, aprigot yellow.
- 77. SOUVENIR DE LA MALMAI-SON, flesh white.

#### CLEMATIS.

#### LARGE-FLOWERED HARDY.

This exceptionally fine hardy climber is so generally known and so in favor with everyone that it needs little description. These flowers, 4 to 6 inches across, cover the green foliage through the greater part of the spring and summer. A plant in full bloom is one of the most conspicuous and beautiful objects, and one that invariably attracts attention. Orders should reach us by April 15th, at latest.

78. JACKMANI.—The flowers, when fully expanded, are from four to six inches in diameter; intense violet purple, with a rich velvety appearance, distinctly veined. It flowers continuously from July until cut off by frosts. Price 20c. each.

79. HENRYII—A vigorous grower and a free bloomer, producing its large pure white flowers constantly during summer and early autumn. The best large-flowered variety producing pure white flowers. Price 20c. each.

80. MADAME ANDRE.—Also of the Jackmani type, and is the nearest approach to a bright red that has yet appeared. The flowers are very large, usually six petaled, of a distinct, pleasing shade of carmine, and are produced in bewildering profusion. Price 20c. each.

81. The three Large-Flowered Clematis described above for only 35c., postpaid.

#### ROSES BY MAIL.

Unpack immediately. Do not expose roots, but place at once in a shallow dish of tepid water. Toward evening carefully plant in good, mellow soil, thoroughly firming the moist earth around the roots. Shade from the mid day sun just after planting.

## Notice Important.

I have made arrangements with a large and reliable rose and plant firm by which I can offer to my customers the Roses and Clematis plants which you will find listed in my catalog. Understand, I do NOT carry these roses or plants in stock myself; you will receive them from the firm, under my name, guaranteed to reach their destination in growing condition. All orders for same during the winter or early spring will be booked and ordered by me to be sent to you in due season, which, of course, will be when the weather is settled so that the plants can be set in open ground. The seed I have in stock, and I will send them by return mail.

Address W. B. Longstreth, Gratiot, Ohio.

To all who send me 12 Lion Heads or Arbuckle Coffee signatures I will send a valuable 64-page book free.

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## SELECT LIST OF CHOICE FLOWER SEEDS



I Love Flowers; Don't You?

My flower seeds are as good as any that can be procured of any reliable seedsman. I am satisfied that my customers will find that the following list can be relied upon, and are sure to give satisfaction if properly cared for. Yet I cannot be responsible for their growing, as there are so many ways in which good seed can be destroyed; such as cold wet weather, hot dry weather, or very fine seed that should be sown on the finest of ground and scarcely covered at all are buried under an inch of heavy clods, and of course it is impossible for them to grow under such conditions. The soil adapted to flowering plants is generally a light, moderately rich loam, containing a sufficient amount of sand to make it friable.

While some seed need special treatment, the following general rules will apply to all: Make the surface as fine and smooth as possible: do not plant any seeds when the ground is wet; cover each lot of seeds to a uniform depth, which should never be more than three or four times the diameter of the seed; press the soil firmly over the seeds, plant in rows so that the

young plants can be easily seen, and pull up all weeds as soon as they appear.

NOTE.—Annuals bloom the first year from seed and then perish. Perennials generally do not bloom till the second year, and then live and bloom for a number of years. H. A. stands for Hardy Annual. H. H. A., Half Hardy Annual. H. P., Hardy Perennial. H. H. P., Half Hardy Perennial. "One foot," "two feet," etc., designates about the height the plant grows.

82. ASTER OR FALL ROSE, H. A—16 inches. This beautiful flower is being constantly improved, and is now one of the most desirable of our garden beauties. As a bedd it is beyond description; indispensation for cut flowers. W. B. L. Mixed. acket 5c.

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